PRIVATE PALACES.

Elegant Mansions on Fifth Avenue-The Avenue as a Promenade and Velocipede Hall-Rapid Improvements-Splendid Architecture-Luxuriance of the Millionnaires-Paintings, Statuary, Brown Stone and Marble.

By the universal voice Fifth avenue is the most sumptuous thoroughfare in the world. The Champs Elysees in Paris and some of the broad boulevards of Vienna may excel it in picturesque gardens and imple shade, but none of these convey to the ingly exhibited both in the brown stone fronts and luxurious interiors of Fifth avenue palaces. This avenue is emphatically the drawing room of the Western World. Along its broad and lengthened romenade strollers seek a passport, in their rich soths and nicely out clother, and will introduce them, perchance, to a bowing acquaintance with some of the ucos of the city. There are a thousand ways to attain prominence as a periodical promen-ader as a gentleman, whose recognition alone will clevate one to social superiority. In the first place one must have a good tailor-he must be an artist tailor. The fit produced must coincide with every curve of the body, and the cut must reflect the intest Parisian fashions. Then it is essential that the beaver comes from the latest block, that the boors are moulded on the latest last and that spring overcoats are hung gracefully over the arm. If with these requisites one has a half-dissipated look, and a general carriage, denoting hauteur, then he can number his salaams by the thousand, and be pointed at as an authority on any subject-from a crimped ringlet to the last elopement. Sunday is the time when these distinguished autocrats move slong unconscious that the vulgar world exists all around them. They know only the young ladies whom they meet on their way from church, and to whom they make the fashionable splute that they have almost broken their necks in practising.

But on Fifth avenue the gentlemen occupy the same relative position that they do in a private drawing room. The ladies there, as well as in their own pariors, are queens. More there than at any other place in the city, whether at ball, opera, theatre or church, do the beauties display their five oliets and bewitching charms. Those who are not church-goers, and then again those who are not playit necessary to make on a pleasant Sunday after-that the avenue then presents appearance which takes in every degree of the elegantly turned figures, whether natural or arti brunettes and blondes in endless variety of style, soft and dark-eyed beauties that bespeak a foreign extraction, gentlemen of the turf and table, morality and immorality, these are some of the ele ments that make up the shifting scene of the avenue on a fair Sunday. And what draws this motley throng? By the stern hand of what arbiter has the avenue for twenty years been the chosen ground of the metropolis? Nothing but its ever elegant mansions, whose owners have moulded the fashions and testes of the Continent, has made this street the st frequented resort in America. The continuous and almost unbroken line of brown stone fronts that rear their massive blocks to colossal heights has been the nuclous. Take THIRTY YEARS AGO.

Then the vicinity of Washington square was the promised land; now it is the house of bondage. Then all that was elegance and spiender found its repository there; now but a few private and a multitude of boarding

dwellings and a multitude of boarding houses remain to commemorate its former glory. The house of Mr. Drake Mills, on the corner of Waverley place, was, when first built, one of the finest in the city, as was also the present mansion of Mr. James Lennox. But the harch of improvement has located the mere valuable building sites above, on Murray Hill, and ten years have sufficed to render this section the scene of its present monumental millions. The improvements that have been made are vast—so rapid, in fine, that no one need say to-day, "Note the advances made in the last few years." Kather should it be said, "Note the advances of the past few weeks." What are they?

THE FRESH IMPROVEMENTS.

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The pavement of the avenue from Washington square to the Park has been laid with a bed of asphalt, that now gives to the heretofore rough and meven surface of the drive a smoothness and elasticity that form a delightful contrast with the earlier times. This covering has, in some places, failed to justify the high praises first sounded in its favor, and it would seem that the work has been a gigantic job; yet it is unfair, at this time, to pass decisive judgment upon its merits as a stratum over which heavy vehicles must pass, as the entire work was entered upon as an experiment. Reaching the corner of Iwentetta street we note hower stores and Noedler's art gallery on the west side of the avenue about the middle of the block; and on the avenue about the middle of the block; and on the opposite side is the new Gienham florel, which is flitted up and frescoel with unusual richness. From these additional incentives to business growth in this quarter lamplosts have been creeted, emitting an intense about the modele of the block; and on the opposite side is the new Gleisham liotet, which is litted up and frescoel with unusual richness. From these additional incentives to business growth in this quarter lampposts have been erocted, emitting an imense light, which intumnates the surroundings with britiant effect. This innovation has drawn a swarm of velocipeds that traverse the glossy surface with lighting speed, and perform the difficult evolutions, unser the skill of their masters, with wonderful facility. Crowds of people are gathered every evening to winess the display, and a new theatre of attraction has been added to the metropolis, where one under the sympathetic exhautions of a prime Havana can witness healthy athletic amissimments free of charge. The prospect in the evening from the Gleinham is one of great interest and variety. To southward are the long double rows of improposite fashing like stars against the dirk skies of brown stone, with here and there a speek of red light similing from the windows. Nearer the spectator is a weeping willow, and urther to northward is the tail clurch spire. Then comes the glitter of the new hotel, with his burnished glass, gliede waits and frescoed ceilings, disclosed by the open windows and doors. Still beyond is that mastive pile, the St. Germain, the withoring foliage of Madison square and the sharp contines of white marble which close the scene on the north, as a drop curtain, illuminated with curtons sin, est of crimson light. Bright as the view must be in one sense it is dark in mother; for the deep shadows cast by the tail buildings take their angular turns down the different corners toward the river. Ascending the avenue, the new sidewalks in front of the Stewart manisons are noted as a new work; and yet higher up similar toprovements are remarked on every hand. The buildings—churcees and private dwollings—now in process of erection from Forty-fifth street toward the Park sustain the reputation of the avenue. An third is a subject to the corner of the co

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with the same richness to the fourth story the sain pleaces are is good taste; and when standing directly under the centre of the main building the staned glass window of varied hues casts its richly mel-lowed rays over the whole scene, lighting it up with a delicacy that brings overything out in narmontous light and shade. Entering the first door to the left, we are in a handsomely furnished spartment—the reception room.

Rere hang some of the finest paintings in the werld. The most striking is the "Doge of Venice," by Becker, of Berlin. This painting Mr. Webb bought in the Surogean market when he had kings it is a barry of the modern hand the surgest in the Surogean market when he had kings it is a high figure, and thus brought to these shores a masterplace of art that will ever remain one of the finest productions of the modern German school. The scene represents a young mother with a beautiful lace, tinged with a sad meanchy, who is imploring the boge with a written petition in her lands. Here arms energic the form of her finance of the finest scene handled with an easy grace and a thoughtful eye for cellectate Sandes. Beyond all doubt links female figure is the finest that can be seen in any American collection. Of a Mindoma cast of features, and a poculiar oligant simpletty of dress, with that expression pallicus that is more cloquent than works, the output of the surface of the figures, especially the person of the Dogs himself, with his erroins and robus, and the guards at the door, together with the fine initiations of marbles, have excited the enulation of every artist who has seen it. In this room is the largest selection of procedum procedum

hair.

A malachite table of fabulous value also adorns the parlors, and was bought in St. Petersburg by Mr. Webb. These rooms have Venetian mirrors laced in appropriate positions and their pedestals, as also the manuels, are of the finest marnice. To his magnificent art collection Mr. Webb is constantly adding by fresh purchases. He has just returned from Europe, and has ordered a great many new maintines.

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Directly in rear of the parlors, and accessible by the hall, is the large dining room, mushed in black wainut wainscotings and doors, the latter being furnished with cut glass panels, with figures of game standing out in relief. This room is a marvel. There is the sideboard, hown from solid oak, with all sorts of representations of animal and vegetable life, from a sleepless dragon to a cluster of grapes. It is a successful and enduring triumph of unity and beauty. The ceilings are embossed in black wahut and deficately frescoed with fresh tints and harmonious lines. The other appointments are solid and exhibit the same taste shown throughout the mansion.

Reaching the second story of this regal habitation, we mee; lourteen foot ceilings, sidding doors and rich furniture. The steeping apartments, to which the gen-

we meet fourteen foot cellings, sliding doors and rich furniture. The sleeping apartments, to which the rest of the house is devoted, corresponds with the general tone of the house. Two libraries, well stocked, are in the house, one on the second and the other on the third floor. The former is the room where Mr. Webb has planned many of his great marine triumpas. Here hangs a picture of the Danderberg, his greatest work. This vessel, which made her wonderful passage to European shores, is now in a prime condition at Bress, and the French are delighted with their purchase. The great sea monster will yet show her vitality when any insane enemy seeks the compliment of a broadside from her enormous battery. The bookease are full of elegant volumes, rare engravings of Pompeli, miniatures of the Albambra, highly decorated, and copies of the paintings at the famous European galleries.

Thus does the emment shipbullocal live, surrounded by a tasteful fluxury, employing his hard-earned millions, that have been amassed during a life of patient industry, in which he has not only achieved financial success, but a renown as a marine constructor that is known and has been bandsomely appreciated even by the crowned heads of the Old World.

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The white Marble Mansion of Mrs. Mason Jones, situated at the corner of Fitty-seventh street and Fitth avenue, is one of those structures which will always attract marked attention as a unique specimen of architecture. For about two years this edifice has been undergoing erection, and the thousands who daily pass this point on foot and with e-egant equipages have wondered as to the ownership of such a singular yet costly residence. This house is the property of Mrs. Mason Jones, formerly, and before she changed her given name, Mrs. Issas Jones, the widow of the late president of the Chemical Bank. Mr., Jones, once the fortunate head of the richest banking house in the Union—that is, relatively the richest in the value of its stock, and an institution which withstood so many financial crashes and has been reliable on Wall street—left nine blocks in the vicinity of Fifty-seventh street, Fifty-elighth street. Fourth and Fifth avenues, Mrs. Jones has erected a handsome block of houses, entirely of Westchester marble. Standing, as they do, against a background of brown stone and brick as the observer passes up the avenue, the effect here produce upon the eye is very pleasing. They break that dark monolony, which is too preva ent in the city, and by the spotless whitemess of their fronts give a more palatial air to the surroundings, which in themselves are elegant. Mrs. Jones has just arrived at her new house from Newport and is now engaged in completing the details of furnishing and draping. The main structure, on the corner of Pffty-seventh street, is a three story house, with the first floor on some-ling of the English basement plan. The parior floor is the second one, and here the ceilings attain a height of over twenty feet. On the cuterfails attain a height of over twenty feet. On the cuterfails and position, and it nothing highly artistic is produced, interest and variety at least may be obtained, as can be THE WHITE MARBLE MANSION OF MRS. MASON

cems to rest, and the pleasing contrast of colors, nhance the external appearance, while they how that these details ordinarily neglected, save been considered with care, Passmy up the root of the colored with a massive railing sculptured from the same material, we stand before double doors, which are nade of black wainut. Entering the hall we are upon a tesselisted floor of variegated colors. In root a broad stairseas ascende at a small inclinasubmore the external appearance, while they show that these details, ordinarily neglected, have been considered with care, Passing or the broad stairway of white marble, which is enclosed with a massive railing sculptured from the same market, we stand before doubt doors, which are marked from the same market, we stand before doubt doors, which are upon a tesselisted floor of verning and colors. In front a broad staircase ascends at a small inclination, and, making an abrupt turn to the left, brings us to the parior floor, on the first floor, and to the left of the stairs, looking north, is the sumptions apartment of Mrs. Jones. This room is fitted up with great luxurinace, its walls being painted with a delicate shade of the layender, its ceiling being richly frescood and the mouidings and cornice work exhibiting rare taste for the beautiful. The apartment adjoining, which connects with this chamber, is the pink room. Here can be seen an application of the painter's bright, that has produced a warm and genial tint which is so marked in the soft hues of the carnation. The apartment is also elegantly furnished, richly finished in all the details, and bears a similitude to those enchanted spots that exist only in lable. One can linger long in such a place and almost forget that he is surrounded by a living reality. Crossing the hall, the room fronting on Pitty-seventh street is entered. This is a sort of reception room, and is very sumpluously decorated. The walls are covered with China and intermingled with fantastic outlines of gilt. The appointments and appurteances of a dining room are on hand, showing richness and good itset, which and pinked in narrow streaks. The apartment terminates iowards the north in an elliptical-shaped door opened admits much to its beauty. The avery finely treated. The walls are covered with China and intermingled with fantastic outlines of gilt. The appointments and appurteances of a dining room are on hand, showing richness and good itset, which alter it is well to say, has two me

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THE COURTS.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS' COUNT. An Alleged Bounty Swindler.

Before Commissioner Shields.

The United States vs. John S. Bliss.—Defendant, as is alleged, was a member of the late firm of L. Brown & Co., claim agents. He was arrested vesterday on a charge of collecting \$100 bounty for Thomas Mechan, 293 First avenue, who was, during the war, a private in company C, Sixty-Inith regi-ment of New York volunteers, and appropriating it to his own use. He was also charged with forging the signature of Mechan. He was ned in detault of \$1,000 to await an examination on Tue-day next. A Letter Carrier Held on a Charge of Embez-

zlement.
The United States vs. Lewis Chapman.—Defendnt is a letter carrier and was arrested several days ago on a charge of abstracting a postal order from a ago on a charge or abstracting a postal order from a letter directed to Mrs. Ernestine Hoffman, of Hester street, and offering to surrender it for seventy-five dollars. The only points of interest beyond what was then published, which came out on the trial, are that Mrs. Hoffman is a soldier's widow and Chap-man a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Appeal on an Old Suit for Money. Samuel F. Butterworth vs. James Gould.—The facts of this case appear to be that in 1837 one Peter B. Stark held a contract for carrying the mails from Jackson to Columbus at the rate of \$3,625 per quarsale was duly registered with the past quarter, and in December, 1839, he sold the other half to him. On this inst transaction Butterworth took the precau this last transaction Butterworth took the precau-tion to send notice to the Post Office in his own and Stark's name to pay no drafts unless drawn by them jointly in Butterworth's handwriting. On the 10th of March, 1840, before the next quarterly payment became due, Stark gave Gould an order for \$2,562.38 for a debt con-tracted for damages, &c., more than a year before. Gould presented this draft, and, after some dispute with the auditor of the Post Office, the Post Office De-bartment band Gould on this and the next quarter out with the auditor of the Post Office, the Post Office Department paid Gould on this and the next quarter out of the half which on the face of their books appeared to belong to seark. In 1848 this action was commenced against Gould on the theory that the money belonged to Butterworth. The form of the action was for money had and received to plaintiff's use, and the court below non-suited the plaintiff. The principal law question argued in the case was whether the legal presumption of a promise to repay where one receives money belonging to another is absolute in all cases, or ceases where, as in this case, the money is lawfully received under circumstances formlessing a direct contradiction to any such promise either expressed or implied. Decision reserved.

SUPREME COUNT-CHAMBERS. Decisions Rendered. Before Judge Cardozo.

Bank of British North America vs. James C. King
t at.—Motion granted, but proceedings to be stayed,

Carleton vs. Carleton.—Motion granted.

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Mars vs. Volkening et al.—Same.

Corvein, &c., vs. Harvood.—Motion granted without costs, on defendant stipulating not to sue.

Watson vs. Bianchard et al.—Motion to change place of trial granted. Motion for receiver dealed.

No costs.

place of trial granted. Motion for receiver education. No costs.

Maken vs. Allen Lushee et al.—Motion denied.

Milchner, dc., vs. Emmingbeck.—Reference ordered to ascertain the facts upon the motion.

In the matter of the habeas corpus of William Barter.—Memoranda for counsel.

Prack Hooke vs. Riebescher.—Affidavit wanted.

Hadloran vs. Hall et al.—Motion granted without costs.

Monson vs. Pope et al.—Motion denied on the ground of laches. No costs.

SUPREME COURT-CHAMBERS. Argument of the Gold Injunction Cases,

Smith, Heiser, Paimer, Enos and Willard vs. The New York Gold Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange.—The argument of counsel in these cases was to have commenced at noon yesterday, but was postponed by consent to Tuesday next, on which day Mr. Clarence Seward will argue on behalf of the Gold Exchange, and Mr. Marbury for the Stock Exchange.

SUPERIOR COURT-TRIAL TERM-PART L Pineapples that had the Black Rot-Breach of

Warranty.
Before Chief Justice Barbour and a Jury: * Joseph Eneas vs. Ward Wheeler, Caleb & Merritt and Anthony Store. - This was an action for the recovery of \$750 12, the price of 3,236 pineappies, which the complatment alleges were sold to defendants by the plaintiff. At the time of sale plaintiff warranted the pineapples sound, and said they warranted the pineapples sound, and said they would keep for a week. They, however, were found to be unsound three days after the purchase and delivery. The defence set up was, that there was a breach of warranty, and that on the unsoundness of the pineapples having been discovered the contract was rescinded and the pineapples shipped to Philadelphia, by order of the planting.

Judge Barbour said that the representation that "they would keep a week" did not amount to a warranty in law.

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After a good deal of conflicting testimony as to whether the fruit was sent to Pulladelphia by the plaintiff or the defendants, the case was given to the lary, who rendered a verdict for plaintiff for the full amount.

SUPERIOR COURT-SPECIAL TERM. Justification of Bail. Leland Belch vs. Jonathan H. Blanc. McCunn has delivered the following opinion in this case: Upon an examination of the papers in this case I find that Justice Friedman has already passed

upon the sufficiency of the sureties offered by the defendant. This, as a matter of law, precludes me from entertaining the present motion. If, however, upon examination, the ball is found to be worthless, or that a fraud has been practised upon the court, or that the ball has become insolvent since its first justification, then I might order other ball; but such does not appear before me. At present the justification, as allowed by Judge Priedman, must stand, but without prejudice to renew upon further affidavits, as above suggested.

Decision Rendered.

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By Judge Jones.

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Educard Brown et al. vs. George H. Hanson.—
Motion granted.

Henry Roberts vs. John Baird et al.—Motion
granted.
John J. Byglandt vs.

granted.
John J. Byglandt vs. George Sanger.—Motion denied.
In the Matter of Charles J. O'Neill to be discharged from custody on Habeas Corpus.—Prisoner remanded.
Emmell Blair vs. George W. Dinkle et al.—Motion granted and cause referred.
Charles F. Gilmor vs. Educard Bedett.—Motion granted. Aif. Livendal vs. Thomas H. Gaynor.—Same. By Judge Monell.

By Judge Monell.

Wm. H. Talmaage et al. vs. George L. Nevins et d.—Case settled and filed in Clerk's office. Marqueretta Reichet vs. John O'vany.-Motion granted.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY .- The following record vill show the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours in comparison with the con

1869, 1865, 65 54 3 P. M. 65 55 6 P. M. 62 58 9 P. M. 55 67 12 P. M. 50 Average temperature yesterday.... Average temperature for corresponding date last

MUSIC AT THE PARK.—The Park Commissioners anaounce that if the weather be fine there will be music on the Mall, at the Park, this afternoon, com

nencing at haif-past three o'clock.

INSTANTLY KILLED.—Simon Dreschler, of No. 16 Amity street, vesterday fell down a hatchway and was instantly killed. An inquest will be held by one FATAL HATCHWAY CASUALTY.-Information was

received at the Coroner's office yesterday atternoon that a man named Simon Dressler nad been latally injured by falling down the hatchway of premises 16 Aulty place. Coroner Schirmer was notified to hold an inquest on the body. CHILDREN DROWNED .- Last evening Ellen Culien.

aged thirteen years, and her brother Patrick, aged five years, of No. 634 East Ninto street, in attempt ing to jump across a hole in the dock foot of Tenth Street, East river, fell into the water and were drowned. The bodies were not recovered. THE SIXTEENTH WARD MURDER,—Detective But-

cher, of the Sixteenth precinct, yesterday morning, John Menney, at Jefferson Market, charged with being accessory to the nurder of Peter Rooney, who was shot by the colored man Fry on Thesday last. Justice Ledwith remanded him to the custody of the Coroner.

SUPPOSED INFANTICIDE. - The remains of an infant early yesterday morning were found in the vault at astle Garden emigrant depot, and from appearances the child had been there but a few hours. It is supposed to have been born alive, but a post-mortem examination, to be made by Br. Cusaman, will definitely determine that fact. An inquest will be held by Coroner Schirmer.

ARREST OF A FUGITIVE.—On a requisition from

the Governor of New Jersey, honored by Covernor Hofiman, Catharine Campo was yesterday arrested by detective Dusenbury and Captain Jourdan, at No. 19 Baxter street, and sent to Hudson City. Catharine is charged with felomously assaulting and cutting with a razor, in a quarrel in that city some days ago, a woman whose name is not given in the ponce record.

THE INCORPORATION OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. PATRICK.—The Board of Directors of this body, which was chartered by the last Legislature, met yesterday for the purpose of electing permanent officers of the Board. The proceedings resulted in the unanimous election of the following gentlemen:—Chairman, W. F. Lyous; Vice Chairman, Judge Ed. L. Shandley; Treasurer, Richard B. Connoily; Secretary, Joan H. Havaett.

THE SUPPLY OF CROTON WATER.-In consequence of the recent increase of Croton water in the various reservoirs the Croton Board have rescinded their order forbidding the aprinkling of the streets in this city by water supplied from the hydrants, and consequently the streets are watered to-day as usent. It is estimated that the increase of water in the Central Park reservoir has been one foot since Sunday last. THE THREE EVENING STARS.—The brilliant even-

ing star, the planet Venus, sets near the west-south-west portion of the horizon about eight minutes west portion of the horizon about eight minutes after seven o'clock. It is situated in the sign of Libra. At haif-past six o'clock the planes mars appears about two degrees or four diameters of the moon on the west, while the planet saturn is nineteen degrees nearly due cast of Venus. The bright red star some seven degrees southwest of Saturn is the lunar star Antares.

DEATH IN A CELL.-On Thursday evening William Bowdell, a man of very intemperate habits, was taken to the Thirteenth precinct station house, much under the influence of liquor, and placed in a cell for the night. Yesterday morning, on looking into Bowdeil's cell, he was found lying dead on the floor. The body was conveyed to the Morgue, where Coroner Schirmer will hold an inquest after a post-moriem examination on the body by Dr. Cushman. Decessed is said to have been very respectably connected.

THE DEATH OF MR. WOGAN .- Deputy Coroner Shine, assisted by Dr. Thomas C. Finnell, vesterday made a post-mortem examination on the body of ex-policeman Michael Wogan, who died so suddenly at his residence, 333 Cherry street. The medical gentleman found that deceased had disease of the liver, which was much enlarged and softened; both kidneys diseased, both longs congested, and the heart was the scat of old chronic disease. A verdict corresponding with the foregoing facts was rendered by the jury.

THE FIFTH PRECINCY CLUBBING CASE. - The hearing before the Police Commissioners in the case of officers Buddington and Jacobs for clubbing the German emigrant Blakie in the Fifth ward station German emigrant Blakie in the Fifth ward station house did not take place yesterday. The prosecution was not represented, and the case was set down for next Friday. Captain Petty and roundsman Buddington expressed their desire to have the hearing proceed, and Buddington informed the Court that while waiking along the streets he was frequently insuited by the remark, 'There goes the fellow that murdered the Dutch emigrant.'

The New Post Office.—The "atrike" is over and

a platoon of policemen were stationed on the three appointed by the Republican General Committhree appointed by the Republican General Commit-tee to wait on Nr. Hulburd and solicit the removal of feter Burke, the reputed leader of the riots in 1883, did so yesterday. Mr. Hulburd denied having Burke's name on the pay roll. The permanent wall, four feet thick, is raised parallel to the street for a distance of 200 feet, 306 feet more of it is begun and 400 feet of the excavation is completed.

ACCIDENTS YESTERDAY .- James Walson, aged beven years, fell into the river foot of Barrow street and was drowned. The parents of the child reside at No. 24 West Tenth street. The body has not been at No. 24 West Tenth street. The body has not occur recovered. Patrick McSherry, of No. 655 First avenue, fell from his (vender's) wagon in Thirty-fourth street and was badly injured. John Dumphy, of No. 363 Elizabeth street, fell from his truck and sustained severe injuries. Cornelius Driscoll, aged sixty-three years, of No. 353 Cherry street, fell from his cart, which run over him, indicting a compound fracture of one of his legs.

Sons of Temperance.—A large meeting of Patri-

archs and Past Worthy Patriarchs of the Western Division, of this city, took place last evening, at Temperance Hall, corner of Eighth avenue and Temperance Hall, corner of Eighth avenue and Eighteenth street, to take into consideration means for the advancement of the interests of the Order in the Division. This is the regular monthly meeting of the First Convention district. D. D. G. W. P. Stephen Merritt, Jr., was the presiding officer on the occasion. The meeting last night was composed of delegates from the sixteen divisions, comprising some 2,000 Sons of Temperance, and about 1,000 ladies, who also belong to the Order. After the usual beautiful exersises the regular reports were presented.

Sudden Dearths.—Mrs. Helen Sullivan, a woman eighty years of age, died suddenly on the third floor of premises No. 29 Frankfort street on Thursday night. Coroner Schirmer held an inquest, when Dr.

night. Coroner Schirmer held an inquest, when Dr. Cushman made a post-mortem examination on the body, which showed that apopicxy was the cause of death. A versice to that effect was accordingly rendered by the jury.

On Thursday evening John Joyce, thirty-three years of age, born in Ireland and a tailor by trade, was taken suddenly ill and died in a few minutes afterwards. The body was conveyed to the Oak street police station from which, by order of Coroner Schirmer, it was sent to the Morgue for post-mortem examination.

examination.

Thomas Clayton, late of 12 Columbia street, fell dead in the street on Thursday night. Dr. Cushman made a post-mortem examination on the body and found that consumption was the cause of death. An inquest was held by Coroner Schirmer, Deceased was twenty-seven years of age and a native of England.

REDDY, THE BLACKSMITH.

Trial of William Varley, Charged with Robbery-Testimony for the Prosecution and the Defence-Acquittal of the "Blacksmith."

> COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS. Before Recorder Hackett.

At the opening of the court the process of emindicted for robbery in the first degree, was resumed. A large number of jurors were examined and, after considerable delay, the requisite number of impartial jurymen was obtained. Assistant Dis trict Attorney Hutchings opened the case for the prosecution. After defluing the crime of robbery he gave a brief statement of what he expected to prove igainst the accused.

Lawrence Graham, sworn and examined by Mr. Hutchings, testified-I am a resident of Hudson City. N. J.: came to New York in the afternoon of the 25th of March for the purpose of purchasing ale: I called at several brewers' and at about eight o'clock in the evening I met a man, whose name I after wards learned was Brennan, in the Bowery; I never knew him before; he said, "Don't you reside in New Jersey ?" he appeared to be a simple old man: I said 'Yes," and he said, "I reside in Jersey too, and I will go home with you; I live in Pavonia avenue;" we walked down the Bowery and took a glass of lager; be then said that he had a friend in Mulberry street, and that if I went over to see him we would all go nome together: he took me into two or three places, and finally we went to Varley's place; Brennan said that there was a boy in there attending bar and asked me to wait till he came out; I did so, and shortly after he went into the place he came to the head of the steps and beckoned to me; I went with Brennan into Variey's place, No. 7 Chatham square, and saw five or six men standing near the bar; Brennan called for drinks for all hands; I looked around and did not like the looks of the place, but I thought it would be ungentiemanly to go out, and I called for drinks for the party; a game of cards was proposed, and I played the game of forty-fives; I was preparing to go out, when Varley talked to Brennan; he (Varley) put his hand on my breast and said, "I understand you got a drink here and did not pay for it;" I told him I had but one drink and I paid for it; he said I did not pay for it, and finally, as I did not want to contend with him, I pulled out a two dollar bill from the roil of \$500 and put it on the bar; the boy handed me back twenty cents, and I went to go out; one of the parties (Smith) stood with his back against the door, and as I put my hand against it he shoved me back; Variey came over and put his hand by my sairt collar, pushed me around, jostied me around a little and struck me with his foot, but not very violently; he scratched me in the neck; the other man came and put his hands around me benind, while another man (who I believe is the unknown man, tore my pants and took the money out; the anknown man made a rush to get out, when Variey Iollowed and caught hold of him and brought him back; Howard and Smith would not let me go out; then I heard a voice behind (the unknown man, Breman and Varley were benind). "Put him out of the way; dead men tell no tales;" Variey ordered the door to be opened, and at the same time I saw him take a pitcher and hit the unknown man with it on the head or shoulders; the door was opened, I got out and hallood for the pohee; the \$50 whileth was stolen from me consisted of fittes, twenties and some smaller bills.

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Cross-examined by Mr. Howe—There was a dispute about a game of cards, but no assauk; no one
took the mency but the unknown man; I saw Variey strive to strike the unknown man with a pitcher,
and I understand the other parties did not want to
let me out; Bremnan and howard were tried and
convicted in this court of the robbers.

Mr. Howe then read the subjected letter which
Graham wrote to Varley when he (Varley) was in
the Tomus:—

Rubbox Crtv.

Mr. Vanlet-I send you my respects and lope you receive them, as I mean turther love and friendship in inture days. I am, and will be until death, yours.

LAWRENCE GRAHAM.

Graham stated further that after the occurrence he seized by the hair of the head a respectable citizen named Griety and accused him of the robbery, but immediately saw his inistake; there were some lady waiters at the saicon he visited in the Rowery; I don't know whether Variey is implicated in the robbery or not; that is for the Juage and jury to decide.

Mr. intebings offered to read the stenographer's

blotters—"lawrence Graham, Hudson Cny, thirry-five years of anc, liquors; infoxication. John S. Waterman." That entry was made by the witness; Graham was detained as a pileoner, and was dis-enarged in the morning by Justice Hogan. The Ser-geant stated that Graham's appearance indicated that he was intoxicated.

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Francis King, who resided at 94 Ridge street, stated that he was in company with Mr. hear, who went ban for Greham's appearance as a witness; he heard Graham talk repeatedly about the case; at one time he said Varley was innocent and at another time that he was guilty; this was over two mouths ago, at his own house in Hudson City; I work for the Corporation; I never spoke to Varley in my infe and never saw him until I saw him in count.

Francis legg, sworn and examined, testified that he went bail for Graham's appearance as a witness for the prosecution; he knew his lamby in the Old Country; his inther's name was larry Graham.

Thomas Varley, the brother of the accused, testified—I was attending bar at my brother's salicon, No. 7 Chatham square, on the mget of the eccurence; Graham came in after one o'clock, very drunk, accompanied by Brennan and a main named Saceian, who was called the unknown mair they went to a table and played forty-level, and had four glasses of ale, Howard having joined them; Brennan proposed to play cinds for twenty-five cents a game; Graham lost half a dollar, got up from the table and treated the six or seven men in the place to drinks; I asked him for two dollars, which ne owed me; he put his nand in his pocket and said, "I have been routed;" I asked him, "Who robbed me;" he (Graham) wasted to go out of the house, and she shed." if our its nand in his pocket and said, "I have been routed;" I asked him, "Who robbed me;" he (Graham) wasted to go out of the house, and shed ham held nian by the collar and pured him back; Smith stood at the door and said, "You cannot go out until you pay for my drink;" Varley was not in the bouse at this fine, out he the house, and Sheehan held him by the collar and pulled him back; Smith stood at the door and said, "You cannot go out until you pay for my drink;" Varley was not in the house at this dime, out he came down about two o'clock with hir, Murphy; Sheehan and Erennan ran out of the house, and Varley dragged them back; Itold him (the prisoner) that Graham owed me two dollars for drinks, and says he was robbed; "Why don't you pay for these drinks;" said Varley to Graham, taking nim by the collar; he said, "I have not got any thoney; I have been robbed, and I cannot say who robbed me;" Varley asked Broman and Sheehan if they took this man's money; Sheehan said that he took seven dollars; Varley then took the putcher of the bar and him him on the head; Graham ran out of the nouse and Sheehan after him; Broman ran out of the nouse and Sheehan after him; Broman ran out of the nouse and Sheehan after him; Broman ran out of the nouse and sheehan after him; Broman ran out of the nouse and sheehan after him; Broman ran out of the nouse and sheehan after him; Broman ran out of the nouse and sheehan after him; Broman ran out of the nouse and sheehan after him; Broman ran out of the nouse and sheehan him on the lead; I have not you have the nouse and sheehan him on the lead; I have not you have the nouse and sheehan him on the nouse him him on t

door and Variey ran later him and brought him back; Broman told me that the anknown man's name was Sizedham.

Cross exammed—My brother and Mr. Murphy came in together; he was a policeman, but he now keeps a liquor store in the Sevenin ward; I did not see Variey kick Graham; there is a deni hi the metal composition pitcher which Variey storek Saechan with; Graham came back with officer Waterman to the salcon and told him to arrest Howard and Smith and a Sixth ward officer who followed them recognizing Erenman, Graham told him to arrest him also; Variey went out afterwards, but he policeman laid hands on him; the first I heard of my brother's arrest was that he was locked up in the station house for being drunk; Sheelan pant me two dollars for drinks; Graham gave me a nity cont stamp in payment for forty cents worth of drinks; I cannot say whether he was robbed there or not; my brother did not come into the salcon until after the robbery occurred; I pand no attention to the men at all.

The evidence being in on both sides, a recess of a rew minutes was taken, after when he, Howe proceeded in a brief but eloquent address to argue that the testimony was wholly manufacient to support the serious accusation made against the prisoner, whose misfortune is was to be a politician. Owing to this fact certain public journals gave great notoriety to the case; but he condently relied upon the jury rendering a verifict upon the testimony mespective of political considerations.

Assistant District Attorney Herchings then addressed the jury on behalf of the people, and in the course of his argument animalevered in severe terms upon the failure of Graham, for some reason or other, to state certain facts in connection with the occurrence which he narrated when Roward and Brennam were treed upon the same indictment.

but he felt it to be his duty to vindicate the proseculing authorities and the Court. He claimed that even on the testimony given by Graham it was a question whether it was not proven that Varley had some part in the robbery.

Recorder Hackett, in his charge to the jury, said that the oftence for which the prisoner was being tried was unfortunately not uncommon in this city, and it presented but the ordinary circumstances attendant upon offences of like character. The accused was to be convicted, if convicted at all, upon the statement made by the complanant. His Honor then read extracts from the testimony furnished by the estanographer of the court, and said it was the duty of the jury to consider the mental condition of the complainant at the time of the occurrence. He further charged the jury to consider the mental condition of the complainant at the time of the occurrence. He further charged the jury to consider the mental condition of the complainant at the time of the occurrence. He further charged the jury to consider the mental condition of the complainant at the time of the occurrence. He further charged the jury to consider the mental condition of the complainant at the time of the occurrence. He further charged the jury to consider the money, they should convict him. In conclusion, his should read that if a reasonable doubt existed in their minds growing out of the testimony of Graham, it was their bounden duty to give it to the accused, no matter who he was or what his character might be.

The jury resired at ten minutes past three o'clock, and siter an absence of three quarters of an hour they rearned with a verdict of "Not guity."

Varley was immediately surrounded by an army of office-nolders, who thronged the court room during the trial.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

AN UNFAITHFUL SERVANT .- Sarah Finlay, of 166 Mulbery street, employed Francis Atchison, a porter, to deliver a load of wood from 15 Rose street to 165

Mulborry street, and be failed to deliver it. Mrs. Fin'ay traced the prisoner and had him arrested. He was committed by Jusque Hogas for trial.

ALLEGED FORGERY.—Peter Maguire, a carman, charged with obtaining \$50 worth of cigars from Jacob Pinter, of No. 582 Grand street, by means of a forged order, purporting to have been sent by a customer in Phisburg. Pa., was yesterday morning committed by Justice Ledwith, at Jefferson Market, in default of bail, to answer at the General Sessions.

THE PANEL ROBBERY.-Lizzie Hudson and Lizzie Rives, arrested by officer Winters, of the Fifteents precinct, Thursday night, charged with robbing E. G. Cole, a returned Californian, of \$2,400 in money in the house No. 32 Asaity street, by what is known as the panel game, were arraigned before Justice Ledwill, at Jeferson Marker, yesterday, and committed to answer the charge without ball.

STEALING WEARING APPAREL .- William Ryan was charged with stealing from 253 Broadway, Messrs. prisoner went into the above store early in the prisoner went into the above store carry in the morning and succeeded in carrying them away. He was very speedily arrested by onicer Thompson, of the Twenty-seventh precinct, who found him in the possession of the property. He brought him before Judge Hogan, who committed him to answer.

LOST HIS MONEY.-Laura Garnett, an interesting looking female, was yesterday morning arraigned before Justice Ledwith, at Jefferson Market, by officer Mulligan, of the Twenty-ninth precinct, upon complaint of Barziii Clark, a guest at the Columbia Hotel, in East Twenty-seventh street, charged with sicaling seventy dollars in money from him on Wednesday night last. Clark states he met the woman or the street and invited her to accompany him to his room at the above place, and during the night she took the money and a pair of gloves and cleared out. When arrested by the officer on Thursday night the gloves were found in her room. She denied the charge, but was committed to answer at the General Sessions. cer Mulligan, of the Twenty-ninth precinct, upon

A TIMELY ARREST OF A PICKPOCKET. -A young man named Peter Fleming, but unknown to the police, was apprehended at the auction rooms of police, was apprehended at the auction rooms of Messix Johnston & Van Tassell yesterday morning while in the act of attempting to pick the pocket of a lady's dress. He was brought before Juage Hogan, at the Tombs. Mr. Michael Maher, of 311 Bowery, said that he had observed the movements of the prisoner in Sassau street, and saw him lift the coats of one or two men and also the dress of a lady. He followed that him to the auction rooms of Johnston & Van Tassell, and there Fleating began to operate upon his pocket, and while this was going on he secured him. A crowd soon galarered round them and the prisoner was handed over to Detective Wailing, who is detailed at the Post Office. Among the crowd was Mr. J. McDivitt, of 44 East Broadway, who recognized the prisoner as having stolen from his pocket a watch about twelve days ago. Fleming was committed to answer.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

This Board met yesterday, pursuant to adjournment, with the President, Alderman Coman, in the chair. A large number of papers were introduced, among others one containing a preamble and resolu-tions in regard to the fact that, owing to necessary elections to ful vacancies in the judiciary and also in the city and county offices, for the purpose of filling decide.

In Hitchings offered to read the stenographer's copy of the teethnony taken on the trial of floward and Brennan for the purpose of refreshing Graham's memory as to certain important facts he swore to at that time.

Mr. Howe objected to such an illegal procedure. His flonor declined to permit the testimony to be read, believing that it was immaterial.

Onlicer John Waterman, sworn and examined, testified that he was on duty on the morning of the 25th of March in Catharma street, and stated that he was on duty on the morning of the cry of watch and police; he ran towards East Broadway, and saw a crowd of men standing in front of No. 7 Chailman square; Graham was there, and stated that he had been robbed; Graham and the officer entered the saloon, and, with the assistance of owner officers, the whole of the party was arrested and taken to the Station house, along whin the complainant.

Cross-examined—I did not arrest Varley; I took Brennan down; officer Mulhaly had Varley.

Ar. Housing stated that was the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Inowe then opened the case for the defence, and called Thomas J. Carr, who said he was a sergeant of the Fourth procince police; that on the highe of the 25th or the morning of t in in over.

The Board adjourned till Monday next at two P. M.

ROLES ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

Cuban Demonstration-A "Big Lick" for Long Gone "Extra" Services-Other Donations-Pavements. The Board met yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. the President, Mr. Monaghan, presiding.

An invitation was received from the Central Republican Junta of Cuba to attend the first anniversary or the proclamation of the republic of Cuba in Cooper institute on Monday evening next, which was accepted.

A resolution from the other Board permitting the United States authorities to enclose seventy feet of the Park on the northerly side in addition to the present enclosure was referred to the Committee on

Resolved, That the salary of the sergeant at arms and of Received, the line same of the Board of Assistant Addermen, and also of the assistant sergestates are so the Board of Assistant of the Board of Assistant is the Board of Assistant Addermen, and the measurement of the Board of Assistant Addermen, be, and the same a terrelevant of Assistant Addermen, be, and the same a terrelevant of Assistant Addermen, be, and the same a terrelevant of Assistant Addermen, the measurement of the Board of Addermen, the assistant measurement of the Board of Addermen, the measurement of the Board of Assistant Addermen, the reaser to the Board of Assistant Addermen, each to the sum of \$4.90 per annum, the same to take effect from the lat of January, 159, to be accounted as the Board of Assistant Addermen, and the Park of Assistant Addermen and the Park of Assistant Addermen and the Board of Assistant Addermen and the Board of Assistant Addermen, the proposed the park of the Board of Salaries - Legislative Department.

"Min. Pincensiv vigorously opposed the passage of this resolution, stating that there were seventeen persons on the pay roll connected with the Board of Assistant Adderner. The price of provisions had not there are no discharge the duties assigned to these clorks. It was a waste of the public money to vote it away in that wholesale manner. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 17 to 3.

The Board adjourned till Monday